

team" under ESA 4(f)(2), 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f)(2).

NMFS is seeking the most highly qualified individuals to serve on this Panel, which will be charged with providing scientific guidance to the most ambitious application of conservation biology principles to a real-world natural resource problem. We encourage submissions from all interested parties, including scientific societies, academic institutions, existing regional scientific panels, tribes, states, and other salmon co-managers and stakeholders, environmental groups, and federal agencies.

Each submission should include the submitting person or organizations's name and affiliation, a detailed Curriculum Vitae of nominee, and supporting letter(s) describing the qualifications of the nominee to serve on this Panel. Self nominations are acceptable.

Nominations should be sent to (see ADDRESSES) and nominations must be received by (see DATES).

Dated: October 13, 1999.

**William W. Fox Jr.,**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold an emergency working meeting which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, October 25, 1999, at noon and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Room 2079, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115, telephone: 206-526-4250.

**Council address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to complete unfinished business from the recent meeting that was held in Portland, OR. Specifically, the GMT will complete the analysis of potential management measures for the year 2000 groundfish fisheries and prepare technical advice for the upcoming Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at 503-326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 092799D]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 930-1486

**AGENCIES:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Western Ecological Research Center, 6924 Tremont Road, Dixon, CA 95620, has been issued an

amended permit to take sea otters for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (1-800-358-2104).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 29, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 14886) that a request for a scientific research permit to take various species of marine mammals, including sea otters, had been submitted by the above-named organization. The original permit did not authorize the take of sea otters, but has been amended to include sea otters. The requested permit, as amended, has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 8, 1999.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

Dated: October 5, 1999.

**Kristen Nelson,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of  
Management Authority, U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service.*

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